
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY AUMENT, HAYWOOD, MARTIN, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI,
FONTANA AND HUGHES, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 17 through 23, 2023, as
2 "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week" in
3 Pennsylvania and encouraging all residents to participate in
4 activities that support and strengthen family bonds.

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 32 million Americans cannot read or write,
6 and, in this Commonwealth alone, more than 646,000 working-age
7 adults do not have a high school credential; and

8 WHEREAS, Roughly 1.9 million working-age Pennsylvanians
9 struggle with the most basic literacy skills; and

10 WHEREAS, Language, numeracy, health, finance and digital
11 literacy are essential for individual and collective economic
12 well-being; and

13 WHEREAS, Literacy in these domains is the foundation for
14 additional skill building required to build a thriving
15 workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, A vibrant Pennsylvania economy that is well
17 positioned in the global economy depends on having a literate,
18 skilled population; and

19 WHEREAS, The economic well-being of future generations of

1 Pennsylvanians depends on the ability of parents and caregivers
2 to impart basic literacy skills; and

3 WHEREAS, High school credentials are essential to attain
4 additional credentials that lead to family-sustaining careers;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The potential of 21% of Pennsylvania adults who need
7 basic skills education can be unlocked with adult and family
8 literacy education; and

9 WHEREAS, Without basic skills, these adults remain trapped in
10 low-wage jobs and struggle to support their families; and

11 WHEREAS, "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"
12 highlights the need for the nation to support efforts to ensure
13 that everyone has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at
14 home, at work and in society; and

15 WHEREAS, The Senate supports educators and students enrolled
16 in programs throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of September 17
18 through 23, 2023, as "National Adult Education and Family
19 Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage all residents to
20 participate in activities that support and strengthen family
21 bonds.